

## **9. Gifts and Awards**

AASFAA shall, as it deems appropriate, recognize and reward exemplary service or outstanding contributions to the Association or to the financial aid profession. Those individuals or entities identified by the Executive Board as worthy of special recognition shall be so honored.

### **9.1 Gifts and Amenities**

The President shall have the discretion, on behalf of the Association, to present gifts and/or amenities to selected persons or groups to demonstrate the appreciation or gratitude of the Association.

### **9.2 Awards**

Officers of the Association shall be presented with plaques upon completion of terms of service. The President shall make the presentations at a place and time deemed appropriate. Presently, plaques are obtained through the following company which retains the AASFAA logo:

Charlie's Trophies and Plaques  
3325 Pelzer Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36109  
Telephone: 334-260-9200

The President, upon approval of the Executive Board, shall have the discretion to present awards, plaques or recognitions to selected committee chairpersons, Executive Board members, and others.

#### **9.2.1 M. Cecil Padgett Outstanding Achievement Award**

This is one of the two highest honors bestowed by AASFAA to an individual who is a practicing financial aid administrator. Individuals honored with the M. Cecil Padgett Outstanding Achievement Award shall have made outstanding, significant, and meritorious contributions to the advancement of student financial aid for a sustained period of time. The Awards and Recognition Committee, comprised of past award recipients who maintain active membership in the Association, shall be charged to consider nominees and recommend them for consideration to the Executive Board. Nominees must be approved by a majority of Executive Board members present and voting.

#### **9.2.2 John H. Buchanan, Jr. Distinguished Service Award**

This also is one of the two highest honors bestowed by AASF AA to a group or organization, or an individual who is not a practicing financial aid administrator. Individuals honored with the John H. Buchanan, Jr. Distinguished Service Award shall have made outstanding, significant, and meritorious contributions to the advancement of student financial aid for students, parents, institutions, of student aid professionals. The Awards and Recognition Committee shall be charged to consider nominees and recommend them for consideration to the Executive Board. Nominees must be approved by a majority of Executive Board members present and voting at a meeting of the Board.

### **9.2.3 Plaques**

Each award recipient shall be presented an appropriate plaque at the annual spring conference of the Association. These plaques are obtained through the following company which retains the AASF AA logo:

Charlie's Trophies and Plaques  
3325 Pelzer Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36109  
Telephone: 334/260-9200

The plaque presented to the recipient of the M. Cecil Padgett Outstanding Achievement Award shall be at least 10" x 14". The following verbiage and format are recommended for this award:

AASF AA

M. CECIL PADGETT OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

IS PRESENTED TO

(Name of Individual)

IN RECOGNITION OF SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

AND STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN ALABAMA

ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID ADMINISTRATORS, INC.

(  
Date)

The plaque presented to the recipient of the John H. Buchanan, Jr. Distinguished Service Award shall be at least 10" x 14". The following verbiage and format are recommended for this award:

AASFAA

JOHN H. BUCHANAN, JR. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

IS PRESENTED TO

(Name of Individual)

IN RECOGNITION OF SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIGHER EDUCATION  
AND STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN ALABAMA

ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID ADMINISTRATORS, INC.  
(  
Date)

#### **9.2.4 Honorary Membership**

Honorary membership shall be awarded to persons who have demonstrated outstanding service to AASFAA and to the student aid profession. Practicing financial aid administrators are not eligible to receive this award. Past presidents, Padgett Award recipients, and Buchanan Award recipients who do not or cease to meet active membership criteria automatically shall be granted honorary membership. These persons shall receive the same level of recognition as persons who receive honorary membership through the normal award process.

The Awards and Recognition Committee shall solicit the names of individuals to be considered for honorary membership. Any voting member of the Executive Board can make nominations. Individuals nominated for honorary membership must be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board members present and voting at a meeting of the Board.

#### **9.2.5 Officer Awards and Plaques**

The President and other officers of the Association shall be presented with an appropriate award or plaque to commemorate his/her term of office. A recommended format and verbiage for the plaque follows:

AASFAA

PRESENTED TO

(Name)

IN RECOGNITION OUTSTANDING SERVICE

AS (NAME OF OFFICE)

(YEAR)

Usually the current President distributes awards. The President typically receives his/her recognition during the annual spring meeting.

### **9.2.6 Service Pins**

Individuals who have been active members for 20 years or more shall be given service pins at the following levels: 20 years, 25 years, 30 years, and 35 years. A distinct pin color or feature shall be used for each level of service. The Membership Chairperson maintains records of individuals eligible for service pins. Service pins containing the AASF AA logo or the name of the Association shall be maintained by the Association.

### **9.2.7 Special Awards**

By nomination by an Executive Board member and approval of the Executive Board, an individual or organization may receive recognition for a one-time service to the financial aid community.

The President may choose to honor all committee chairpersons with some token of appreciation.

Committee chairpersons may recognize their committee members with a certificate of appreciation for their year of service.

Past officers of the Association who retire from active practice of financial aid administration in the state of Alabama may receive special awards of merit for service to the Association and to the profession.

The President may choose to honor all committee chairpersons with some token of appreciation.

Committee chairpersons may recognize their committee members with a certificate of appreciation for their year of service.

Past officers of the Association who retire from active practice of financial aid administration in the state of Alabama may receive special awards of merit for service to the Association and to the profession.

A recommended format and verbiage for the Special Award of Merit plaque follows:

AASFAA

SPECIAL AWARD OF MERIT

PRESENTED TO

(Name)

IN RECOGNITION OUTSTANDING SERVICE

TO AASFAA AND THE STUDENT FINANCIAL AID PROFESSION

(YEAR)